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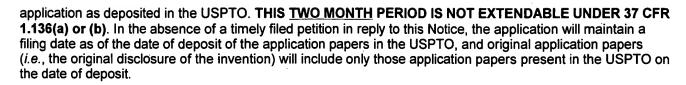
A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

• The oath or declaration is missing.

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The following item(s) appear to have been **omitted** from the application:

- Figure(s) 19B described in the specification.
- I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.
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